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✓ PERILS OF THE YUKON ✓

✓ Photoplay in 2 reels ✓

✓ Episode #1 "The Fangs of Jealousy" ✓

✓ Directed by Perry M. ^RWarre^Eff and Jay Marchant ✓

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"Perils of the Yukon"
Chapter One
The Range of Jealousy
Starring Wm. Desmond and Laura LaPlante

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The serial opens with a map of Alaska and a title giving the date of its discovery. Then Russian America, by the Russians in 1741, and other information relative to the Northern domain. A Russian trading post is shown with Russian traders bargaining with Alaskan Indians for their furs.

In Washington, President Andrew Johnson is listening to Sec. of State Seward's arguments in favor of the purchase of Alaska, and later Baron Stoeckl comes to Seward's home with despatch from Emperor of Russia consenting to the sale of Alaska for \$7,200,000 cash. This was in May, 1867, when it became part of the United States. The formal transfer is shown at Sitka.

At a reception in honor of the transfer to America in Sitka, Jack Merrill, an Englishman, meets Olga Basanof, daughter of a wealthy Russian trader. Their interest in each other excites the jealousy of Ivan Petrof, a suitor of Olga's and he forbids Merrill to pay any further attention. Their quarrel precipitates a duel, in which Petrof chooses swords, believing Merrill to be ignorant of their use. Merrill turns out to be an expert swordsman and easily overpowers Petrof. Olga hears of the duel and comes to stop it and Merrill tells her it was just a friendly meeting and that he was showing Petrof a few tricks his father had taught him with the sword.

Merrill and Olga continue to see each other and become engaged. A party is planned to announce the engagement. In Olga's home, a few evenings before the party, Merrill is bidding her goodnight. Olga's father pretends to be engrossed in his newspaper but sees their love making with kindly amusement. Olga warns Merrill that to be late for his engagement party would be almost as bad as being late for his wedding. Petrof watches them from outside the house and mutters to himself that if his plans succeed Merrill will surely be late. Merrill kisses Olga as Petrof glares jealously at them.

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